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Union Miss March 10th 1855

Dear father; we received your letter a few days since. To which James has already replied: consequently I shall ~~not~~ ^{wrote} say but a few lines.

In the first place we are well; and as you speak of coming here on Commencement day. I will say a few words concerning the examination: The examination is nothing more than a recitation and is never attended by any Spectators at all; The Senior Class examination comes off a month before commencement day and the examinations of the three lower classes comes off a week before commencement day. so if you wish to see the whole examination you will have to stay here a full month; and over a week if you only wish to attend the examination of the three lower classes. and if you attend either you will do that which the Citizens of Oxford do not themselves do; and besides you would be totally disgusted at the conduct of some of the Students.

But if you think you can undergo the toil and fatigue of coming here. you can come on the twelfth and then see enough to get tired you will then witness the day that which the Senior Class receive their Diplomas and hear besides a number of speeches & see quite a crowd of persons assembled: so if you determine to come you had better arrange it so as to get here about the 11 of July next. And as you say. I shall be very glad to go to Mobile on the R.R. next summer. yet I don't wish mother to wait until then for perhaps then she would not feel like going to a crowded City. full perhaps with diseases.

A little over four months and we shall be ready to return
Home. The hours with us fly rapid we are hardly conscious
of its rapid march, and the four months to us will seem
but so many weeks, because we are continually every day
looking forward to some time, in the study days mostly to the
recitation hour. Sunday seems to be the longest day of the week
well I believe I have nothing more to write so Adieu

Your Son

J. H. Terral

To Jas. S. Terral
Gasper Co Miss